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NORTH KOREANS PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP WITH USSR; INTENSIFY THOUGHT CONTROL EFFORTS

ENCOURAGE RACIAL ASSIMILATION -- Sopuk Sinmun, 5 Jun 50

The government of the People's Republic has been enccuraging its girls to marry or live temporarily with the Soviet citizens in North Korea to promote closer friendship with the USSR through racial assimilation. The idea closely resembles the method employed by the Japanese before liberation in their effort to assimilate the Korean people through encouragement of interracial marriage.

An extensive campaign has been launched by the government through various women's organizations to induce young women to mate with the Russians under the slogan, "For the Promotion of Russo-Korean Friendship." Pressure has been exerted on schools, where social programs are arranged by the authorities to give girl students opportunities to meet the Russians.

REPORTEDLY MASSACRE 3,000 ANTI-COMMUNIST GIRLS -- Sopuk Sinmun, 5 Jun 50

According to a report, 3,000 young women who defied Communism were massacred in Kangwon Do near the 38th parallel. In December 1949, 3,000 young women, ages 18 to 22, were selected from all over North Korea as being either too ignorant of or too indifferent to the teaching of Communism. These girls were rounded up by the authorities and given an opportunity to receive Communist indoctrination. They received intensive 3-month indoctrination in P'yongyang, P'yongan Namdo, and P'yonggang, Kangwon Do. When the indoctrination failed to convert them, the girls were organized into the groups of 250 to 500 each and were secretly transported to Chinpi-ryong (pass) in Kangwon Do where they were machine-gunned.

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CROWD PRISONS WITH THOUGHT OFFENDERS -- Sopuk Sinmun, 5 Jun 50

The North Korean prisons are filled beyond normal capacities with thought offenders. In P'yongyang, scores of temporary detention centers were established in addition to the Central P'yongyang Prison in Omtong District. Old halls and gymnasiums are being converted into detention houses.

According to the nature of their crimes, criminal offenders constitute only 17 percent of the total. This fact indicates that the authorities are more concerned with the political offenders than with criminals, although the latter may have increased radically. Also, it is viewed that certain crimes may not be considered as crimes according to the Communist ethical standard.

These political offenders, who constitute 85 percent [sic] of the total, are mostly victims of denouncement by Communists who perform effective police functions. Only 30 percent of the thought offenders are direct offenders, the rest are mere suspects who either have a slight nationalistic tendency or have antagonized Communist cell members.

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